

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON ITS 102ND NATIONAL DAY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taiwan on its 102nd National Day on October 10, 2013.

Taiwan is a model of success in Asia. Through hard work and ingenuity, Taiwan has become one of the strongest economies in the Pacific Rim. Taiwan also has strong democratic institutions that foster the values of freedom, diligence, and transparency. The accomplishments of Taiwan, whether economic or political, are impressive.

On the occasion of Republic of China's Centennial National Day, I wish for continued trade cooperation between the United States and Taiwan. I also look forward to furthering the common economic interests of the United States and Taiwan, and I would like to encourage my colleagues in our efforts to preserve and strengthen the friendship between our two countries. Taiwan has much to offer the rest of the world, and its innovation and expertise will continue to create new, mutually-beneficial trade avenues.

Congratulations to the Republic of China and I look forward to continuing our partnership with Taiwan.

HONORING KIMBERLY ROADS SCHLAPMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the talent, hard work, and determination of Kimberly Roads Schlapman, a lifelong resident of Habersham County, Georgia. Millions of fans know Kimberly as one of the beautiful, strong voices behind the country group Little Big Town. But many folks in Northeast Georgia were touched by Kimberly's musical abilities, as well as her commitment to her community, long before her rise to stardom.

During high school, Kimberly contributed her time as a candy striper at the Habersham County Medical Center. She was a member of Youth Against Cancer, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Advisory Board for Community Bank and Trust, the Key Club, the Y Club, and the Student Council. Kimberly also served as vice president of her senior class.

Kimberly was also actively developing her musical skills during this time. She was a member of the Habersham Central High School Chorus. She was also part of the Habersham Central Concert Choir. She was selected to sing in the Georgia Allstate Choir

for five consecutive years and was one of six sopranos selected to study vocal music in the Georgia Governor's Honors Program.

While performing in the Habersham Community Theater and other special events in the community, she was selected to represent her state and region in numerous talent competitions. Kimberly's hard work paid off with great success, as she won first place in the National Beta Club competition as well as the International Key Club Convention.

Kimberly continued pursuing music when she enrolled at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where she was a member of the Samford Singers and the Lake Junaluska Singers. Through these groups, she found a friend in Karen Fairchild. That relationship helped lead to the formation of Little Big Town.

In its 14 years together, Little Big Town has played before more than 4 million people. Last year, they achieved its first #1 radio hit with the song "Pontoon." The song came from the band's fifth album, *Tornado*, which was recently received platinum certification with sales of over one million copies. Little Big Town was recently honored with two CMA awards, two ACM awards, a Grammy award, and an Emmy award.

Georgians are truly proud of all Kimberly's achievements, both on and off the stage. I join many others in wishing Kimberly and her family the very best.

HONORING THE WALTER BRACKEN STEAM ACADEMY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the Walter Bracken STEAM Academy in District One in Las Vegas for being named a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and for being designated as "exemplary high achieving."

The Blue Ribbon Schools award is the highest honor that the Department of Education can bestow on an American school. The administration, faculty, staff, and students of the Walter Bracken STEAM Academy should be very proud. You have developed a strong school community where students are encouraged and enabled to pursue their interests and develop their talents, skills, and intellect.

The most important investment we can make for the future of our nation is in the next generation. Walter Bracken STEAM Academy is a prime example of what we can accomplish both individually and as a society when we make access to a quality education a priority.

HONORING DR. CLEM MELTON DOXEY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Clem Melton Doxey for his long and distinguished career in medicine, and as the founder of Marietta Dermatology and The Skin Cancer Center.

On September 30, Dr. Doxey retired from his practice after 43 years of service to his patients and his community.

Since he began Marietta Dermatology in 1970, Doxey's passion for helping people has shown through his dedication to continue expanding his practice and personally serving between 40 and 50 patients a day. Dr. Doxey was the first dermatologist in the Marietta area, and his practice has since grown to 80 employees—including 11 partner physicians—at three locations in Marietta, Canton, and West Cobb.

A native of Louisiana, Doxey received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering as well as a medical degree from Louisiana State University. After completing an internship at Oakknoll Naval Hospital, he graduated from Pensacola School of Medicine as a flight surgeon in 1963. He served in the First Marine Brigade in Vietnam, and then completed his dermatology residency at Tulane Hospital in 1970. Thereafter, Doxey moved to Cobb County with his family where he would serve the community with his knowledge of medicine. He also taught residents at Emory University for 22 years.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Doxey again for his lifelong devotion to the practice of medicine and dedication to the people of our Northwest Georgia community. I wish him a joyous—and well-deserved—retirement.

HONORING ROBERT GREENE AS HE RECEIVES THE BUFFALO CLUB MEDAL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Robert Greene, as he is awarded the prestigious Buffalo Club Medal. Created in 1956, the Buffalo Club Medal is presented to individuals who represent the ideal, gracious, deeply perceptive, dedicated, self-effacing leader. An accomplished lawyer, humanitarian champion, and dedicated community servant, Bob epitomizes these qualities. Since 2001, Bob has been deeply involved in the creation of a sustainable orphanage for young girls in Haiti, among countless other pursuits, locally and otherwise.

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